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MEXICO CITY FOR USDAO

E.O. 11652 NA

TAGS: GT, SWEL, MILI

SUBJ: AIRCRAFT CLEARANCES

1. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FOR UNLIMITED NUMBER OF US AIRCRAFT TO PASS OVER/THROUGH MEXICO TO LAND IN GUATEMALA FOR DISASTER RELIEF.

2. FOUR CHINOOK HELICOPTERS ARE ENROUTE TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS AT THIS TIME; FOUR MORE WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY. IN ADDITION THERE ARE 4 C-130'S ENROUTE, PERHAPS OVER MEXICO AT THIS TIME. MANY OTHER AIRCRAFT OF TYPES AND SOURCE UNKNOWN ARE PROBABLY ALSO COMING TO ASSIST GUATEMALA. CRITICAL AIRCRAFT AT THIS TIME ARE THE CHINOOKS AND C-130S, BUT ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS WILL EXCEED FOUR AIRCRAFT AT ANY ONE TIME UNTIL EMERGENCY IS ALLEVIATED.

PLEASE ADVISE NIACT.

3. IF USDAO MEXICO RUNS INTO PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING OVER-FLIGHT CLEARANCE, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION TO OBTAIN GOM APPROVAL.

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